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USD TO HOST NATIONAL CLIENT/COUNSELING COMPETITION AND
CONFERENCE, MARCH 31 and APRIL 1

The final round in the National Client/Counseling Competition, featuring the winners of regional competition from twelve law schools around the country, will be held at the University of San Diego on March 31 and April 1.

Sponsored by the American Bar Association, the competition will be held in the newly constructed Joseph Grace Courtroom in the USD School of Law.

Preceding the competition, a Client/Counseling Conference will be held in the Grace Courtroom. Featured speakers include Dr. Thomas Harris, author of "I'm OK, You're OK," and an expert in transactional analysis as a method of improving counseling and communication; Dr. Andrew Watson, University of Michigan Schools of Medicine and Law, and the recipient of the 1978 Isaac Ray Award from the American Psychiatric Association for contributions in the field of psychiatry and the law; and Leonard Janofsky, president-elect of the American Bar Association, and senior partner in a large Los Angeles law firm.

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Other participants in the conference include Professor Thomas Shaefer, Notre Dame Law School; Louis Brown, USD, and the initiator of the Client/Counseling Competition; Dr. Robert Redmont, a psychologist and attorney from Connecticut; Professor Walter Blakely, University of North Carolina; Professors Rodney Jones and Michael Evans of USD; and USD Adjunct Professors Morton Shaewitz, a La Jolla psychologist, Stanley Willis, a La Jolla psychiatrist, and attorneys Alice Fried and Harold Rock.

The Conference will focus on typical inadequacies in interviewing and counseling clients, and ways in which the attorney can improve these skills.

The Competition will focus on interview problems in the field of Legal Malpractice, and will be judged by experienced lawyers, judges and non-legal counselors.

Prior to both the Competition and the Conference, on Friday, March 30, students and others will be able to observe the ABA Client/Counseling Committee Meeting, to be held in the Louis Brown Room in the USD School of Law. The meeting runs all day.

The Competition and Conference runs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both March 31 and April 1.

For more information, call 291-6480, extension 4358.

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